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President's Message

Looks like we may continue to have some cool weather. I have been really enjoying this and it has started my outside projects juices flowing. Two projects for the next couple of months are: get the antenna trailer decked and to get my "Spider Beam" up on the tower. Another project that needs my attention is to clean out the garage so it can be used for its intended purpose. Guess which one gets done first? That garage job has been there since the second week after we moved into the house 12 years ago. By now, my cars have had to sit on the driveway through 11 seasons of rain, wind, and sun and a little snow and ice.

The next event we will have as a group is the **Cajun Cup 10K Run** on Saturday November 8. Jess Gillion KF5LUL is the event coordinator for the club. It is always a fun event, for both runners and spectators. If you want to stay around after the event, there is usually food and music available for all. If you have signed up for the event and your availability has changed, please contact Jess before the end of the month. Coffee and donuts will be served before the event. (see page 5)



At the November 8th, meeting, I will appoint a nominating committee for upcoming 2015 - 2016 club officers. I think Glen KF5FNP and Mark W5GTI will do another demonstration on FLDIGI software and digital modes.

Our meeting on December 4th will be our annual Christmas party. It was held at Golden Corral. That worked out well and we may do the same this year. We held the event at Golden Corral in the separate room with a short business meeting that left plenty time for eating and fellowship. The cost will be in the range of \$10 to \$13 per person unless you are fortunate to be over 60, in which case the cost will be somewhat less.

When I was having problems with my FlexRadio a couple of months ago, I needed to test as many sub components as I could to isolate the problem. Since the radio will not work without a computer and its software. I needed to check the radio out with fresh software and eventually with alternate hardware. That set me to thinking about most hams and our limited budgets. I was fortunate to have two older comparable computers, 2.9 – 3 GHz with dual processors. By keeping the computer for ham use only, I have not had problems, either with the Flex or the Panadapters for my FT990 and FT950. However, I cannot reliably run the FLEX and another radio except for testing. I use HDSDR as the software for the Panadapters. The two computers had cost me under \$250 for the pair. So, how can one get a good computer for such low cost? The answer is to look for a good refurbished used computer with specifications that match your requirements. These usually come with brand new hard drives and operating system. They are usually lease returns from large corporate users and in generally good shape. Here are a couple of places that good refurbished computers can be found (Without Monitors):

TigerDirect:

Samsung 1 Terabyte Hard Drive, 4 GB Memory, 2.66 GHZ Dual 64 bit Processor, Win 7	\$180
HP, 1.5 Terabyte Hard Drive, 4 GB Memory, 2.66 GHZ Dual 64 bit Processor, Win 7	\$210
HP, 80 GB Hard Drive, 4 GB Memory, 3.0 GHZ Dual 64 bit Processor, Win 7	\$180

Newegg:

HP, 500 GB Hard Drive, 4 GB Memory, 3.0 GHZ Dual 64 bit Processor, Win 7	\$160
Dell, 160 GB Hard Drive, 2 GB Memory, 3.0 GHZ Processor, Win 7 Home Premium	\$110

These prices are current, but will change with time. The message here is to look at your needs for a ham station computer and look around the internet to find a deal. You can save a lot and use the extra money to buy more ham gear. Note: I do not recommend buying a used laptop – for many reasons, primarily battery, screen, and keyboard life.

Larry LeBlanc KE5KJD
AARA President

AARA GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, November 6, 2014 @ 7:00 PM
at the Red Cross Building, 101 N. Pat Street,
Scott, Louisiana. Nominating Committee ap-
pointed for upcoming 2015-2016 officers.
Treasurer will be accepting dues for 2015-
2016.

VE Testing @ 6:00 PM - **Last one this year.**

DATES TO REMEMBER

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 101 N. Pat Street, Scott, LA.
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LAST ONE THIS YEAR

Local 2-Meter Nets

Sunday

Opelousas Area ARA Net 7:00 PM
 147.150 PL 103.5 Carencro, LA

Monday

AARA Monday Night Net 7:00 PM
 146.820 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

Tuesday

Acadiana ARES Net 7:00 PM
 145.370 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

Wednesday

Bodie's Memorial DX Net
 145.410 New Iberia, LA

Thursday

Youth Net 7:00 PM
 146.820 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

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OCTOBER AARA CLUB MEETING MINUTES

October 2, 2014

CLUB MEETING:

- The AARA meeting was called to order by President Larry LeBlanc KE5KJD.
- Herman Campbell led the prayer and we all prayed for members who are healing, and for the safety of all involved with the Tour du Teche.
- All said the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Members talked about interesting contacts during the month.
- 24 members and 2 visitors attended the meeting.

Minutes: The September minutes were submitted by Sandy LeBlanc KE5KJF, secretary, and they were posted in the October LARC. On motion by Paula Romero KF5CNS, seconded by Fred Marshall W5MLE, the minutes were accepted as published.

Treasurer's Report: Archie Hill W5AG gave the Treasurer's report for August 2014. The Treasurer's Report was approved as presented on motion by Jim Barron WB5AAA, seconded by Jackie Wallace KF5PCH. The Financial Report is not published in the LARC; any member wanting a copy can contact Archie Hill W5AG.

Antenna Trailer: Larry LeBlanc KE5KJD will move the antenna trailer to Breaux Bridge. Nick Romero KE5MWX, Trailer Upgrade Chairman, will go and see which decking would work better. After that determination is done, we will get together and deck the trailer.

FLDIGI: Glen Thibodeaux, Herman Campbell, Ric Wallace, Mark Saltzman, Dave Redfearn and Tom Dischler among others that used FLDIGI during the month.

Up Coming Events: LA ARES will have a simulated test on Saturday, October 11th from 9 – 12 noon. The event will be a tornado coming to Louisiana. Larry LeBlanc KE5KJD asked 2 things: 1) Try to check in to see if your equipment can reach Net Control. 2) If they have heard you before they will more likely talk to you. Always include *"This is a test"* in your message.

Jamboree On The Air (JOTA) October 16-17 at the Scout Center on South College. Larry LeBlanc KE5KJD and Sandy LeBlanc KE5KJF volunteered to man the radios for the Scouts. Glenn Thibodeaux KF5FNP will try to make it.

New Business: Tour du Teche Canoe Race will be held on October 3-5. The race will start in Port Barre and end in Berwick. This year there will be a Mobile Command Center that will travel along the race route. The Mobile Command Center will stop in St. Martinville, Franklin and Berwick. It has a desk for the radio operators, air-conditioning, and an antenna installed on the roof. The volunteers for this year are as follows:

Herman Campbell KN5GRK, Glenn Thibodeaux KF5FNP, Ric Wallace KF5KEL, Jackie Wallace KF5PCH, Nick Romero KF5MWX, Paula Romero KF5CNS, Archie Hill W5AG, Dave Redfearn N4ELM, Galen Wilson KF5BET, Abbi Wilson KF5BEW, Kendra Wilson KF5FYS, Jess Gillion KF5LUL, Nick Pugh K5QXJ, JoAnn Pugh KE5RPL, Jackie Price KA5LMZ and the BEARS Club of Morgan City, Larry LeBlanc KE5KFD, Tom Dischler W5OHJ (stand by) and Sandy LeBlanc KE5KJF.

The 145.410 repeater will give the best coverage for the area.

John Myrick, Jr. NQ2V (Silent Key) requested that all of his radio paraphernalia be donated to the AARA and to be disposed of at the membership's discretion. We had an auction and everyone who participated went home with treasures and surprises.

Glen Thibodeaux KF5FNP and Mark Saltzman W5GTI will give another presentation on FLDIGI at the November meeting.

After much discussion the meeting was adjourned.

Respectively submitted,
 Sandy LeBlanc KE5KJF
 AARA Secretary

The SkyWarn 145.370 Repeater New Command
 By entering the code "11", the repeater will give out the PL Tones for all of the area receivers.



TOUR DU TECHE CANOE RACE REPORTS

By Larry & Sandy LeBlanc KE5KJD & KE5KJF

The "Tour du Teche" is now over for 2014. Thanks to all who helped, both directly and indirectly. Special thanks to Sandy, KE5KJF for her usual attention to detail and keeping us all on track before and during the race.

New for 2014 – Command Center

Mr. Ray Pellerin, coordinator for the event, orchestrated the construction of a very professional trailer to serve as the command center, a major focal point at each race terminal point, complete with desks, computer, radios, antennas, and power, including an emergency generator. We had our own section of the trailer to set up our radios with an external antenna that folds up when not in use. The antenna was purchased at our hamfest in Rayne this past summer.



Archie W5AG inside Command Post

Upon arriving at a setup point, the trailer was outfitted and ready to use in about 15 minutes. (see photo)



Tour du Teche Command Post Trailer

The trailer is air conditioned and has a refrigerator and storage shelves for all the needed items for setup of the trailer. Overall, it served us well and in many ways made the job of communicating easier and more enjoyable for those manning the "Crawfish Hole". This year, we were able to see a lot of the action with the canoes crossing the finish lines.

Lessons Learned

Since the mobile command center was new for 2014, it introduced some interesting changes in how we were able to operate. Since the communications was directed to the "Crawfish Hole" and it was moved along the bayou, we actually had more options on which repeaters were best for calling in the results. This year we had no problems at the Berwick site because the operators were "on site". Also, at the end of each race, additional operators for the command center are not needed because the person who takes the data at that point can just report it in to the data input person in the command center.

At the New Iberia checkpoint, we did not have anyone to provide radio coverage, so Sandy KE5KJF took over radio reporting for that checkpoint. She did a great job but did get a little sunburn. So, we might want to have a "floater" volunteer in the future ready to fill in in case of schedule conflict.

Linking the repeaters was handled very well by Herman, KN5GRK as in previous years. It did help in establishing continuity along the route, but the link was causing problems at the Berwick location because it had a tendency to drop the link and activate the link at inopportune times. We did decide to drop the linkup to eliminate the problem.

While the command center worked well for communications, it was usually situated near the bayou, which was at a lower elevation than the higher banks of the bayou. So it was not able to hit distant repeaters as well as I thought it would. So, we lost direct communications with the W5DDL repeater earlier than I expected. However we were always able to get to the repeaters along the route. (see pages 4 & 5)



Rudy WA5QNH operating from inside the Command Post

Charenton Boat Dock
Check point #7
Saturday Oct 4, 2014

Tour du Teche Canoe Race

by Galen Wilson KF5BET

Kendra KF5FY5, Abbi KF5BEW and I (Galen KF5BET) volunteered again for the *Tour du Teche Canoe Race* this year. We agreed to ladies/man the same site as previous years at Charenton, LA.

Abbi and I arrived around 11:30 am Saturday morning to set up antennas, tents and radios to be prepared for the first boat. Kendra joined us just after 1:00, once her class ended in Lafayette. We were ready for action. Our tasks were to record boat numbers and arrival times and relay that information to the command center (Crawfish Hole). We again resorted to using HT's and our backpacking roll up 2 meter j-pole hung at 30' from a nearby tree. Plans to use a deep cycle battery and a mobile radio did not pan out since our battery was determined earlier in the week to not be holding a charge. Good thing we do these exercises so that we can check our equipment out, huh?

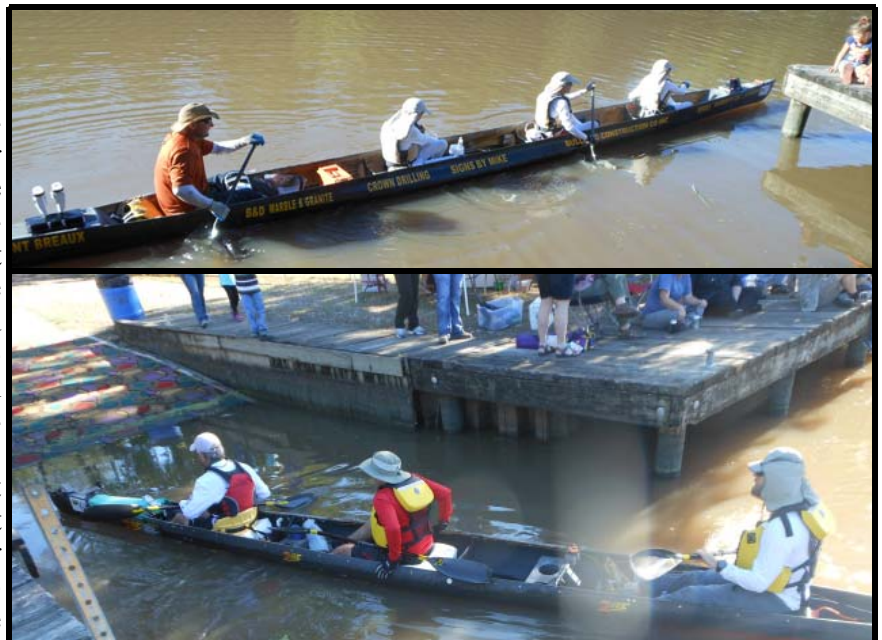
The first boat arrived shortly after 2:30 P.M. and thus started our day. The people of Charenton were on hand to be the official time keepers, welcomers and general cheerleaders for the participants as they rounded the bend and headed towards the checkpoint. Cowbells were brought into action as the boaters were seen, welcoming them in! Each year, the community lays out the red carpet for the race participants. No really— they do! The boat ramp is lined with an old remnant of carpet from the local casino so the boaters have something nice and soft to glide their boats onto at the dock. It also feels wonderful on their feet as the slowly unwind themselves from the seated position in which they have been for the past few hours.

While the boater stretches and becomes vertical once again, volunteers eagerly offer hot dogs, cold water or soda. After a quick break, the participants once again fold themselves up into their tiny vessels and quietly push back out into the river. Then, as silently as they came in, they disappear around the river bend, headed for the next checkpoint in Franklin. Over the course of the next 6 hours, we saw several boats come in and depart the landing. Each one bringing new clamoring of cowbells and whoops and hollers from the people on the dock eagerly waiting their arrival.

The sun set and darkness came over the boat launch, yet still, the boats appeared in the light that had been set up at the edge of the dock. Our last boat came in around 8 P.M. and left just moments after. The fire department took down the canopies, people carted off the food and drinks and then the boat launch was deserted. Another year done and in the books.

Abbi, Kendra and I quickly broke camp and were on the road headed north for home. We will again look forward to seeing our friends again next year. The people of Charenton show true kindness to those that invade their quiet little community once a year, and we are honored that they make us feel so welcome there in their presence.

(more pictures on page 7)



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Notes on Tour du Teche V

By Larry LeBlanc KE5KJD

First of all, I would like to thank the following members for participating in the Tour du Teche V : Herman Campbell KN5GRK, Glenn Thibodeaux KF5FNP, Ric Wallace KF5KEL, Jackie Wallace KF5PCH, Nick Romero KE5MWX, Paula Romero KF5CNS, Archie Hill W5AG, Dave Redfearn N4ELM, Galen Wilson KF5BET, Abbi Wilson KF5BEW, Kendra Wilson KF5FYS, Jess Gillion KF5LUL, Nick Pugh K5QXJ, JoAnn Pugh KE5RPL, Tom Dischler W5OHJ, Larry LeBlanc KE5KJD, and Sandy LeBlanc KE5KJF, Jackie Price KA5LMZ, Rudy WA5QNH and all of the BEARS who participated.

All of the check points were received clearly at the Command Center. On Friday the Command Center started in Port Barre. Friday evening it was in St. Martinville. Saturday morning the Command Center went to New Iberia to start a race then went to Franklin for the rest of the day. Sunday morning the Command Center went to Berwick for the finish of the races.

In Berwick there were many booths with home made goods (even jewelry made out of gar fish and alligator scales). There was a band in Berwick and many people awaiting the paddlers. The weather was perfect.

Jackie Price KA5LMZ and some of the BEARS gave information on the canoes coming out of the Teche into the Atchafalaya River. This was very helpful for the time keepers and the observers.

This is our 4th year helping with the Tour du Teche and the first time we get to see the canoes passing. I had a good time.



Tour du Teche radio setup at the Lighthouse in Berwick.



History of the Cajun Cup – First Shirt

In 1980 the Cajun Cup was started by Glenn Gremilion, Tommy Marty and Coach Charles Lancon. The start/finish for the race was the Northgate Mall. It was started to boost the sales from the running store that the three guys owned together called Athletic Attic, located (you guessed it) at the Northgate Mall. The first couple of years, the race was televised live by Channel 10 KLFY (helicopter provided by Acadian Ambulance). The race was run at that same location for the first three-four years and became a stop on the Gulf Coast Grand Prix running circuit.

To see more shirts and history of the Cajun Cup click on the History page at: http://cajuncup.net/?page_id=164



The Acadiana Amateur Radio Association, Inc. (AARA) will again assist in spotting runners around the race course for the annual Cajun Cup 10K run in downtown Lafayette on Saturday November 8, 2014. Volunteers will meet at the regular meeting place, the parking lot next to Chase Towers on Jefferson Street across from the old Federal Building at 7 AM. Coffee and doughnuts will be available for our volunteers. The race officially kicks off at 8:05 AM on E. Vermillion & Johnston Street.

Jess Gillion KF5LUL, AARA Chairperson for our club, will have "T" shirts and maps for those who signed up. If you are wearing a Cajun Cup "T" shirt, you are entitled to partake of the refreshments served at Parc San Souci area on E. Congress & Polk St.

Jess will probably be able to fill us in with more information at our November 6th club meeting.



Minden Amateur Radio Association (MARA) Annual Christmas Hamfest

Saturday, December 20, 2014

Time: 8:30 AM- 2:00 PM

Location: City Hall located on 520 Broadway St, Minden, LA.

Talk-In: 147.300 PL186.2 (NLA Link System)

Admission: \$5.00 each which includes 1 prize ticket.

Tickets: \$1 each, 6-\$5, 15-\$10, 35-\$20, 50-\$25, 100-\$50.

Swap Tables: \$5.00 per table.

VE Testing: All levels, 9 AM to 11:30 PM.

ARRL Forum: 12:30-1:30 PM

DXCC Card Checker:

Bobby Baker, WM5H

Main Prizes

1st: Kenwood TS-480SAT HF

2nd: Kenwood TM-V71A VHF/UHF Mobile

3rd: MFJ-259C Antenna Analyzer

4th: Icom IC-T70A HD 2m/70cm Dual Band HT

Vendors

Main Trading Company
(Furnishing our prize radios)
Palmetto Antennas, LLC
The SignMan of Baton Rouge

Website for more info:

<http://www.n5rd.org/activity.htm>



W1AW/5 LA

The ARRL Centennial QSO Party will be operating from Louisiana on November 26, 00:00Z through December 2, 23:59 (Tuesday Nov 25, 7:00 pm CDT to Tuesday Dec 2, 6:59 pm CDT)

We invite LA hams to participate in this historic opportunity.

Everything you need to know is found at:

http://www.louisianacontestclub.org/w1aw-5_info.htm

Thank you for your interest and we wish you the best of luck.

W1AW/5 LA Coordinators

<http://louisianacontestclub.org/>

Louisiana Qso Party – 2014 Results

The Louisiana QSO Party (LaQP) was held on March 22, 2014. This year, for the first time, the Louisiana Contest Club (N5LCC.com) was the sponsor. When we took over sponsorship, we had four main goals: To provide a fun operating event; To give Louisiana contacts, particularly at the Parish level, to everyone who needed them; To provide results that are as accurate as possible; and To publish a list of ALL participants. To accomplish these goals, we advertised the event; we encouraged Louisiana stations to be on as much as possible, and provided a club station running 2 bands the entire event, as a bonus station. Lastly, we reached out to our friends in Texas who wrote the log scoring software for the Texas Qso Party, to insure that all logs were scored fairly and correctly.

We were very pleased with the results. In addition to the club station, which operated as N5LCC, we had 88 additional participants, spanning 30 states and 10 DX countries. This was a nice increase over the last few years. All logs were cross-checked for dupes, NIL (not in log), and qth errors. Any invalid contact was removed with no additional penalty. The most common cause for a removed contact was mis-copied call and wrong qth, particularly on the rovers (don't depend on pre-fill, because they ARE changing qth. Log what the operator says).

A total of 6,508 contacts were made, 4472 on CW and 2036 on phone. 66 of the 88 participants worked the club station, N5LCC and got the 100-point bonus. In addition to the fixed stations, three rovers activated 64 parishes, earning a 50-point bonus for each. We thank these three, N5NA, W5WMU, and NO5W, for their efforts, and for giving out a large number of contacts with some rare parishes.

The most active state, other than Louisiana, was Missouri. The most active DX country was Germany.

The club station N5LCC was manned by LaQP committee members WM5H and K5ER. N5LCC worked the most multipliers, and earned the highest score - 580,356 points. Since its purpose was strictly to provide bonus points and increase activity, N5LCC is entered as a check-log and not in competition with other participants. The complete N5LCC log has been uploaded onto LoTW.

The "Top Ten" scoring stations for 2014 are:

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|---------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. N5NA – 547,560 | 6. OM2VL – 32,660 |
| 2. W5WMU (+N8OO) – 388046 | 7. AD5VC – 25,060 |
| 3. W5LA – 193,988 | 7. KE5IAK – 25,060 |
| 4. NO5W (+K1DW) – 180,246 | 9. KG5VK – 24,808 |
| 5. AC5O – 169,150 | 10. WA6KHK – 23,104 |

For more detailed information check out the website at:

<http://laqp.org>

October 2, 2014 VE Test Session Report

Both Abbi KF5BEW & Kendra KF5FYS Wilson of Lafayette, Louisiana upgraded to Extra Class.

VE's presiding the test session were: Greg K5LFT, Mark W5GTI, Tom W5OHJ, Ric KF5KEL and Archie W5AG.

73, de Greg K5LFT

OCTOBER 2014 ACADIANA AREA 2 METER NET REPORTS

NET	SESSIONS:	TOTAL CHECK-INS:	TOTAL TRAFFIC:	TOTAL TIME: Minutes	Net Manager
OAARC Net - Opelousas Area Amateur Radio Club	4	35	Ø	66	N5LRZ Ray
AARA Monday Night Net	4	62	Ø	118	W5GTI Mark
Acadiana ARES Net	4	21	Ø	65	N5LRZ Ray
Bodie's Memorial DX Net	5	28	3	90	N5LRZ Ray
Youth Thursday Night Net	5	29	Ø	63	KF5BEW Abbi KF5FYS Kendra

"For evil to flourish, all that is needed is for good people to do nothing."

- Edmund Burke

AARA Monday Night 2 Meter Net Rotation

Mark W5GTI, the net control station, for the AARA Monday Night Net had suggested that the net be rotated between three different area repeaters. Here is the November 2014 schedule:

DATE:	TIME:	REPEATER:	PL TONE:
November 3	7:00 PM	146.820	103.5
November 10	7:00 PM	145.370	103.5
November 17	7:00 PM	147.040	103.5
November 24	7:00 PM	146.820	103.5

When using the SkyWarn 145.370 repeater, be sure to use the receiver PL Tone for your area as follows:

NW Quadrant 114.8 - NE Quadrant 127.3 - SW Quadrant 141.3 - SE Quadrant 94.8.

The November 2014 schedule can be downloaded and printed in Adobe Acrobat .PDF from the club website at:

[http://www.w5ddl.org/clubsite/files/monday net.pdf](http://www.w5ddl.org/clubsite/files/monday%20net.pdf)

Notice: On the January 13th, 2014 Monday Night Net, Mark made a offer that goes like this:

The top 10 check-ins on the Monday Night AAARA Net during 2014 will get their call/name entered into a drawing and winner will receive a Chinese import dual band handi-talkie paid for by Mark W5GTI. **HOW ABOUT THAT?** So be sure to check into the net and thanks to Mark in keeping the net active.

AARA



UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

11/3	PAUL	K5VSH
11/7	LINDA	KA9TWO
11/10	KEITH	KE5QKE
11/13	BETTY	K5BMC
11/20	STEVE	KC5UGC
12/3	BENJAMIN	KF5ZSR
12/7	ROLAND	NA5Q

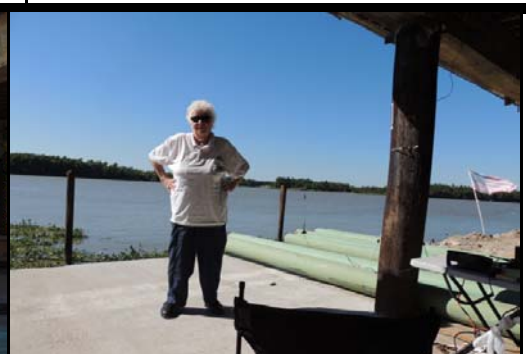
Some members failed to put their birthdays on their applications for renewal / membership causing some names to be missing from the list.



Command Post in Berwick



View from under the Lighthouse



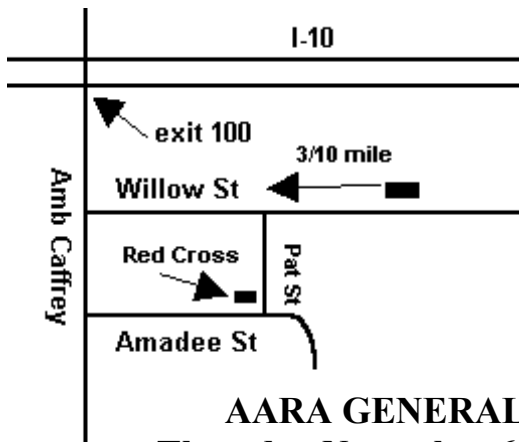
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Share the Fun - Bring a
Friend to be a HAM !

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VE Testing Tonight @ 6:00 PM - Last test session this year.

Red Cross Building, 101 N. Pat St., Scott, LA

Lunch Bunch - Each Wednesday 10:45 AM - 2:00 PM

Golden Corral - Amb. Caffery - Lafayette, LA

Check 146.820 PL 103.5 - repeater for info.

COMPLIMENTARY
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Apricot and Peach Fried Pies

<http://allrecipes.com/recipe/apricot-and-peach-fried-pies/>

Dough:

- 4 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 1 * cup shortening
- 1 cup milk

Filling:

- 8 ounces dried apricots
- 1 (6 ounce) package dried peaches
- 3/4 cup white sugar
- water to cover
- 2 cups vegetable oil for frying

Directions:

To Make Crust: In a large bowl, mix together flour and salt. Cut in shortening until mixture is crumbly. Mix in milk and stir until dough forms a ball. Roll out dough and cut into 18 6-inch circles. Set aside.

To Make Filling: In a large saucepan, combine apricots, peaches, and sugar. Add enough water to cover fruit. Cover pan and cook over low heat until fruit is falling apart. Remove lid and continue to cook until water is evaporated.

Place oil or shortening in small high-sided skillet. Place over medium heat. Spoon equal amounts of filling into each pastry circle and fold in half. Seal pastry with a fork dipped in cold water.

Fry a few pies at a time in hot oil, browning on both sides. Drain pies on paper towels.

Cook's Note:

* If you use shortening, like Crisco®, melt it so it's two inches deep.



FCC Information Service

Toll Free (WATS) for Amateur Radio license inquiries about new/vanity call signs: 888-225-5322. This will connect you the FCC National Call Center, handled by the FCC's Consumer Information Bureau. Amateurs having ULS problems or questions should contact the FCC's ULS Technical Support staff at: 202-414-1250 or:

ulscomm@fcc.gov.

FCC Website:

<http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/>

New call sign information can also be obtained from the ARRL/VEC at 860-594-3000.

<http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec>

The mailing address to the FCC is:

Federal Communications Commission, 1270 Fairfield Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325-7245